



# Lipschitzian solutions to linear iterative equations revisited

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**Abstract.** We study the problems of the existence, uniqueness and continuous dependence of Lipschitzian solutions  $\varphi$  of equations of the form

$$\varphi(x) = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \varphi(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) + F(x),$$

where  $\mu$  is a measure on a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $\int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \mu(d\omega) = 1$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Fix a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and a separable metric space  $(X, \rho)$ .

We continue a study of Lipschitzian solutions  $\varphi$  of equations of the form

$$\varphi(x) = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \varphi(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) + F(x) \quad (1)$$

assuming now, contrary to [2], that

$$\int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \mu(d\omega) = 1. \quad (2)$$

Concerning the given functions  $f, g$  and  $F$  we assume the following hypotheses in which  $\mathcal{B}$  stands for the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Borel subsets of  $X$  and  $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ .

(H<sub>1</sub>) The function  $f$  maps  $X \times \Omega$  into  $X$  and for every  $x \in X$  the function  $f(x, \cdot)$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable, i.e.

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : f(x, \omega) \in B\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{for all } x \in X \text{ and } B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

(H<sub>2</sub>) The function  $g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is integrable, satisfies (2),

$$\int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \rho(f(x, \omega), x) \mu(d\omega) < \infty \quad \text{for every } x \in X,$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \rho(f(x, \omega), f(z, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) \leq \lambda \rho(x, z) \quad \text{for all } x, z \in X$$

with  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ .

(H<sub>3</sub>) The function  $F$  maps  $X$  into a separable Banach space  $Y$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  and

$$\|F(x) - F(z)\| \leq L \rho(x, z) \quad \text{for all } x, z \in X$$

with  $L \in [0, +\infty)$ .

As emphasized in [3, Section 0.3] iteration is the fundamental technique for solving functional equations in a single variable, and iterates usually appear in the formulae for solutions. We iterate, as in [2], the operator which transforms a Lipschitzian  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  into  $\int_{\Omega} g(\omega) F(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega)$ , contrary to [3, Section 7.2D] where the Schauder fixed point theorem is used. The special case where  $g(\omega) = 1$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$  was considered in [1, Section 4] on a base of iteration of random-valued functions.

For integrating vector functions we use the Bochner integral.

## 2. Existence and uniqueness

Assuming (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>3</sub>) and making use of [2, Lemma 2.2] we define

$$F_0(x) = F(x), \quad F_n(x) = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) F_{n-1}(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) \quad (3)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and note that

$$\|F_n(x) - F_n(z)\| \leq L \lambda^n \rho(x, z) \quad \text{for all } x, z \in X \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (4)$$

Our main result reads as follows.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Assume (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>3</sub>). Then:*

- (i) *There is a  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = y_0$  for every  $x \in X$ ;*
- (ii) *Equation (1) has a Lipschitzian solution  $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  if and only if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x_0) = 0 \quad \text{for an } x_0 \in X.$$

- (iii) *Any Lipschitzian solution  $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  of (1) has the form*

$$\varphi(x) = c + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n(x) \quad \text{for every } x \in X, \quad (5)$$

where  $c$  is a constant from  $Y$ .

(iv) If  $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  is a Lipschitzian solution of (1), then

$$\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(z)\| \leq \frac{L}{1-\lambda} \rho(x, z) \quad \text{for all } x, z \in X. \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* It follows from (3), (2) and (4) that

$$\|F_n(x) - F_{n-1}(x)\| \leq L\lambda^{n-1} \int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \rho(f(x, \omega), x) \mu(d\omega)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently, for every  $x \in X$  the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (F_n(x) - F_{n-1}(x))$$

converges, i.e.,  $(F_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges in  $Y$ . Hence and from (4) assertion (i) follows.

Passing to the proof of assertion (ii) assume that  $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  is a Lipschitzian solution of (1) with a Lipschitz constant  $L_{\varphi}$  and define

$$\varphi_0(x) = \varphi(x), \quad \varphi_n(x) = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \varphi_{n-1}(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) \quad (7)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since

$$\varphi_{n-1} = \varphi_n + F_{n-1} \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

we have

$$\varphi = \varphi_n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} F_k \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (8)$$

and by (i) there is a  $c \in Y$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(x) = c \quad \text{for every } x \in X.$$

Taking this and (8) into account we see that for every  $x \in X$  the series occurring in (5) converges and (5) holds. In particular,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in X$ . Applying (5) and (4) we obtain (6).

For the proof of the existence assume that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x_0) = 0$  for an  $x_0 \in X$  and making use of (4) define  $\Phi: X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$\Phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (F_n(x) - F_n(x_0)). \quad (9)$$

Clearly,

$$\|\Phi(x) - \Phi(z)\| \leq \frac{L}{1-\lambda} \rho(x, z) \quad \text{for all } x, z \in X. \quad (10)$$

We shall show that  $\Phi$  solves (1). To this end fix  $x \in X$ . According to [2, Lemma 2.2] the function

$$\omega \mapsto g(\omega) \Phi(f(x, \omega)), \quad \omega \in \Omega,$$

is Bochner integrable and by (4) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$  we have

$$\left\| g(\omega) \left( F_n(f(x, \omega)) - F_n(x_0) \right) \right\| \leq L\lambda^n |g(\omega)| (\rho(f(x, \omega), x) + \rho(x, x_0)).$$

Hence, applying the dominated convergence theorem, (9), (3) and (2) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \Phi(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \left( F_n(f(x, \omega)) - F_n(x_0) \right) \mu(d\omega) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (F_{n+1}(x) - F_n(x_0)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (F_{n+1}(x) - F_{n+1}(x_0)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (F_{n+1}(x_0) - F_n(x_0)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (F_n(x) - F_n(x_0)) \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F_n(x_0) - F_0(x_0)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (F_n(x) - F_n(x_0)) - F_0(x) \\ &= \Phi(x) - F(x), \end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof.  $\square$

The following example shows that sometimes the limit of the sequence  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  can be easily calculated, but its value may be a surprise.

*Example 2.2.* Given a Lipschitzian  $F: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  consider the equation

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) + \frac{1}{2} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\right) + F(x). \quad (11)$$

In this case  $f(x, \omega) = \frac{1}{2}x + \omega$  and  $g(\omega) = 1$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $\omega \in \Omega = \{0, \frac{1}{2}\}$ ,  $\mu(\{0\}) = \mu(\{\frac{1}{2}\}) = \frac{1}{2}$ , and

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} F_{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) + \frac{1}{2} F_{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} F\left(\frac{1}{2^n}x + \frac{k}{2^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , whence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \int_0^1 F(y) dy \quad \text{for every } x \in [0, 1].$$

According to Theorem 2.1 Eq. (11) has a Lipschitzian solution  $\varphi: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if and only if

$$\int_0^1 F(x) dx = 0.$$

*Remark 2.3.* Note that [2, Example 3.3] shows that assumptions  $(H_1)$ – $(H_3)$  do not guarantee the existence of a *continuous* solution  $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  of (1).

*Remark 2.4.* As [1, Example 4.2] shows, under the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 besides a Lipschitzian solution Eq. (1) may also have a continuous one which is not Lipschitzian.

*Remark 2.5.* For every  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  the logarithmic function restricted to  $[1, \infty)$  is a Lipschitzian solution to the equation

$$\varphi(x) = \varphi(\lambda x + 1 - \lambda) + \log \frac{x}{\lambda x + 1 - \lambda};$$

here  $f(x, \omega) = \lambda x + 1 - \lambda$ ,  $g(\omega) = 1$ ,  $F(x) = \log \frac{x}{\lambda x + 1 - \lambda}$  for all  $x \in [1, \infty)$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$ . According to Theorem 2.1 it is the only up to an additive constant Lipschitzian solution  $\varphi: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to this equation, and it is unbounded in spite of the fact that  $F$  is bounded.

### 3. Continuous dependence

Assume  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$ , fix  $x_0 \in X$  and let  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be a separable Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . In what follows we consider the linear space  $Lip(X, Y)$  of all Lipschitzian functions mapping  $X$  into  $Y$  with the norm

$$\|F\|_{Lip} = \|F(x_0)\| + \|F\|_L,$$

where  $\|F\|_L$  stands for the smallest Lipschitz constant for  $F$ , and the linear subspace  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $Lip(X, Y)$  consists of all  $F \in Lip(X, Y)$  such that for the sequence  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by (3) we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x_0) = 0$ . It is clear that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{Lip}$  depends on the fixed point  $x_0$ , but for different points such norms are equivalent, and it follows from (4) that  $\mathcal{F}$  does not depend on  $x_0$ . Putting

$$\mathcal{F}_0 = \{F \in Lip(X, Y) : F(x_0) = 0\}$$

we shall prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$  hold and  $Y$  is a separable Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ , then for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  the formula*

$$\varphi^F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (F_n(x) - F_n(x_0)) \quad \text{for every } x \in X$$

defines the only Lipschitzian and vanishing at  $x_0$  solution  $\varphi^F: X \rightarrow Y$  of (1), the operator

$$F \mapsto \varphi^F, \quad F \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (12)$$

is a linear homeomorphism of  $\mathcal{F}$  onto  $\mathcal{F}_0$  and

$$\frac{1}{1 + \lambda + \int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \rho(f(x_0, \omega), x_0) \mu(d\omega)} \|F\|_{Lip} \leq \|\varphi^F\|_{Lip} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \|F\|_{Lip} \quad (13)$$

for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 2.1 we have to show that operator (12) maps  $\mathcal{F}$  onto  $\mathcal{F}_0$  and for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  the first inequality in (13) holds.

Fix  $\psi \in \mathcal{F}_0$ . According to [2, Lemma 2.2] the formula

$$F(x) = \psi(x) - \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \psi(f(x, \omega)) \mu(d\omega) \quad \text{for every } x \in X$$

defines an  $F \in Lip(X, Y)$ . Since  $\psi$  is a Lipschitzian solution of (1), by Theorem 2.1 the function  $F$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$  with

$$\|F\|_L \leq \|\psi\|_L + \lambda \|\psi\|_L.$$

Moreover, as  $\psi(x_0) = 0$ ,  $\psi = \varphi^F$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(x_0)\| &\leq \int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \|\psi(f(x_0, \omega)) - \psi(x_0)\| \mu(d\omega) \\ &\leq \|\psi\|_L \int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \rho(f(x_0, \omega), x_0) \mu(d\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\|F\|_{Lip} \leq \|\varphi^F\|_{Lip} \left( \int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)| \rho(f(x_0, \omega), x_0) \mu(d\omega) + 1 + \lambda \right),$$

which ends the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 3.2.* Since  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is closed in the Banach space  $(Lip(X, Y), \|\cdot\|_{Lip})$ , it follows from Theorem 3.1 that also  $\mathcal{F}$  is a closed subspace of  $(Lip(X, Y), \|\cdot\|_{Lip})$ .

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